

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Need to close illegal coal mining in Bankura Parliamentary Consituency, West Bengal and provide irrigation facility for farming.

\*....\*DR. SUBHAS SARKAR (BANKURA): Hon. Speaker Sir, this is the third week of the Sravana month and a historic day when the soul of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee is at peace. You have given me the opportunity to speak during Zero Hour on this auspicious day and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. There are 3 blocks of our Eastern Coal Field – Saltora, Mejia and Mituria where illegal coal mining is going on with huge machineries. This is happening in collusion with the state police and the ruling party. I am however on a different point. A social transformation is taking place in that region due to illegal mining. Farm labourers are now not available easily. They are conveniently switching over to coal mine jobs. The reason is that the farm labourers after farming get a meagre sum of Rs.250 or Rs.300 whereas the coal mine workers can earn anything between Rs.500 to Rs. 2000. This is leading to a strange social change. Few days back, someone narrated a story of a horrible accident to me. A child got stuck inside the coal mine and his brother was asked to go inside and find him out. How such major accidents are happening often?\*

महोदय, हमारी तीन मांग हैं । एक मांग है कि इसकी लीगल टेंडर दी जाए और कड़ी से कड़ी व्यवस्था करके इलीगल कोल माइनिंग को बंद करना चाहिए । यह पहली बात है और जो दूसरी बात है, वह यह है कि वहां रोजी-रोजगार के लिए इंडस्ट्री की व्यवस्था की जाए और सिंचाई के लिए पानी की भी व्यवस्था की जाए । यह हमारी मांग है

